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ED. CROSS BACK FROM CHICAGO

16-HOUR LAW FULLY DISCUSSED BY CONFERENCE.

After an Even Month of Absence in Chicago, Where General Managers and Representatives Were in Conference, Representative Ed Cross Returned Saturday Night—O. R. & N. Employees Benefited by Outcome of the Meetings.

The federal 16-hour law has been adjudicated, as it were, and O. R. & N. employes are now acquainting themselves with the new agreements that were reached relative to this law, at a conference of general managers representing 34 railroads and representatives from the four brotherhoods who have to do with the moving of trains. Representative Ed Cross returned from Chicago Saturday evening and is now in La Grande conferring with the local orders, and reporting to them what was done.

In the main, the outcome of the conference was very favorable to railroad employes, especially to those of the O. R. & N. There are several features of the agreement reached there in nearly a month's conference that apply directly to service on the mountains.

The Law.

The requirements of the federal 16-hour law for 10 consecutive hours off-duty applies only to such employes as have been on duty 16 consecutive hours. The requirement for eight consecutive hours off duty applies only to employes who have not been on duty 16 hours in succession, but have been on duty 16 hours in the aggregate out of a 24-hour period.

The Agreements.

Two hours leeway was given the roads. Hence, if the roads see fit to tie a crew up after it has been out 14 hours, the tie-up is considered to have been done under the law, and the company cannot put them back in service until after eight hours of

rest. If, however, the company ties a crew up after 10 hours have elapsed, and before 14 have been reached, the tie-up is considered to have been done by the company the crew is subject to call at any time afterwards.

Must Obey Law.

The law must be obeyed. If a crew is out 16 consecutive hours, it becomes obligatory for that conductor to tie up his crew at the nearest sidetrack. The only way he can leave it or do any work whatever in the fol-

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More Tornadoes.
Mobile, Ala., April 27.—Another tornado raged through Mississippi and Alabama last night and this morning, causing a property loss of \$2,000,000, and killing scores. In Perry county 19 were killed, which raises the official death list of tornado victims to 389.

COURT UPHOLDS FULTON'S NAME

SMITH SLANDER SUIT MAY BE DROPPED.

By Sustaining a Demurrer to J. S. Smith's Suit for \$5000 Damages for Libel, Which the Latter Says Fulton Committed Against Him, Judge Burnette Practically Drives From Court the Slander Suit—Postpone Ross Sentence.

Salem, Ore., April 27.—Judge Burnette today sustained Senator C. W. Fulton's demurrer to J. S. Smith's suit for \$5000 damages for libel, which will probably cause a dismissal of the suit. Smith charged that the senator slandered him when he accused Smith of perjury in regard to Smith's affidavit, given to Francis J. Heney, in which he accused Fulton of

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TAFT CLAIMS 282 CHICAGO VOTES

BRYAN WILL WIN NEW JERSEY BY DEAL.

Headquarters for Taft Presidential Boom Give Out Figures Which They Say Are Conservative, But Which Mean Taft's Nomination—"New Idea" Republicans Bolt to Put Reform Ticket in the Field—This Will Throw New Jersey Bryanward. Washington, April 27.—Taft head-

quarters today claimed 282 delegates in the national convention on figures obtainable up to date, and declare that there is no possibility that 272 of these will be contested. Some of Taft's managers claim 300, but this is considered to be too high, as 15 of this number at least, are taken from the contested column.

Because of the bolt of the "New Idea" republicans in New Jersey, led by Everett Colby and Mayor Fagan of Jersey City, Bryan hopes to capture electors from that state should he be nominated at Denver.

The "New Idea" republicans declare that they will put an independent ticket of electors in the field as a protest against Boss Lentz's tactics. The new idea men control 30,000 votes in Essex and Hudson counties, and beat John T. Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance company, for the United States senatorship last year. Colby acknowledges the bolt may defeat Taft in New Jersey, but declares it is the only way possible to reform the republican party in that state.

Wheeler Offered New "Sit."

Berkeley, Cal., April 27.—It is reported here that the assistant secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor has been offered Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California. Wheeler has asked for a few days to consider the matter. It is not thought that he will accept.

APPLAUSE THE BOOST SPIRIT

LA GRANDE LEADS EASTERN OREGON CITIES.

The Dalles Among Eastern Oregon Cities Which Are Liberal With Money—Baker City Alive, Too—Albany Full of Boost, About to Build Much Pavement This Summer—Entire State Looking With Interest on Electric Railway Development.

Portland, Ore., April 27.—(Special correspondence.)—The greatest success has attended the Oregon Development league meetings throughout eastern Oregon. La Grande raised \$3300 in a few minutes, besides adding greatly to the membership of its Commercial club—they will complete a fund of \$6000. Elgin business men subscribed \$600 to advertise their city; The Dalles will continue their publicity work on an even more liberal scale than heretofore; Baker City is alive to the value of similar work.

Headquarters of the Rose Festival association look like an immense Valentine shop nowadays. Thousands of beautifully engraved invitations are being sent out in rose-garlanded envelopes in prose poems in accord with the occasion. "The queen of flowers will have a perfumed whisper of welcome for you, and her sweet hospitalities humored for your tarrying" closes the message.

The scope of the excursion party which will visit Lewiston-Clarkston on May 1 has been widened to include various Oregon cities. President J. H. Albert, of the Capital National Bank at Salem, President E. W. Langdon of the Albany Commercial club, and President George H. George of the Astoria National bank will be of the party. A ladies' auxiliary will provide for the special entertainment of the feminine visitors.

No announcement made in years has been more interesting to the state at large than the publication of the plans of the Oregon Electric Railway company, which mean a system aggregating 381 miles in length, and reaching the principal towns of the entire Willamette valley, with an extension to the coast as well. McMinnville, Newberg, Dallas, Eugene, Albany, Cascadia, Hillsboro and Tillamook, with innumerable other communities, are included. The line between Portland and Salem has received such excellent patronage that on several occasions it has been necessary to revise the schedule to accommodate additional trains. In the eastern states the multiplication of trolley lines has decreased the passenger traffic on the steam roads, but the latter have felt so marked an increase in freight traffic that the passenger loss has been more than compensated in earnings.

A very large delegation from Albany visited Portland last week for a double purpose. First, the city council came to investigate the subject of paving, and as a result Albany will immediately begin the permanent improvement of her main streets. Then the committee representing the Albany Commercial club completed arrangements with Bury I. Dasset to take charge of the city's publicity work as manager of the club, May 1. Mr. Dasset is now advertising manager of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, secretary of the Rose Festival association, and Secretary of the Pacific Coast Advertising Men's association, and his experience will make his work effective.

THROWN FROM HORSE.

Fred Housh Thrown From Horse and His Hand Broken.

Sunday morning the horse ridden by Manager Fred M. Housh, became frightened by an automobile and gave a first-class exhibition of what a horse fresh from the range can do in the way of bucking. The first jump Mr. Housh held his own, the second his hand was broken, the third the saddle turned and he was precipitated to the ground, his face badly bruised

and the ligaments of the hand torn loose. While he will probably carry a bad hand and a black eye for some time, it is hoped that nothing serious will result from the fall.

Mr. Housh was able to be about the city yesterday afternoon, and in spite of his suffering wore a smiling face.

Costly Fire at Milton.

Pendleton, April 27.—Fire destroyed the opera house and two dwellings this afternoon at Milton, in the extreme eastern part of the county. The loss is estimated at \$10,000. Property in the immediate vicinity was seriously threatened for a time.

Frost Tonight.

The weather bureau predicts killing frosts for tonight. The cold winds and snow flurries this afternoon give weight to the prediction.

BATTLE RACING ON THE FRONTIER

FORCES OF THE SHAH AND CZAR IN COMBAT.

Fifteen Thousand Cossacks, Sent to Punish Kurds for Raiding Russian Territory, in Bloody Struggle for Supremacy on the Russian-Persian Frontier—Villages Mowed Down and Great Damage Inflicted on the Enemy—Turks Massing on Border.

Vienna, April 27.—Terrific fighting is reported on the shah's side of the Russo-Persian frontier. The entire population of the mountain region south of the Aras river, is rising against the Russian force, now about 1500 strong, sent into their country to punish the Kurds for raiding the czar's territory.

The Cossacks continue to hold their position, which is very critical, according to dispatches here from St. Petersburg. Available military forces in striking distance of the theater of fighting, are exhausted and the present body in the field will fight out its own salvation. The Cossacks with modern machine guns, have no trouble in battering down village walls and inflicting heavy loss on the enemy, but are overwhelmed by sheer weight of numbers.

The continued massing of Turkish troops on the sultan's frontier greatly adds to the czar's apprehensions.

Grand Duke Nicholasvitch has departed for the Caucasus, presumably to take charge of the military forces in that region.

Another Shock Was Felt.

Hanford, Cal., April 27.—An earthquake shock was felt here at 3 o'clock this morning but there was no damage. At Coaling, the shock was heavier.

GEORGE HARMAN IN FAMILY FOLD

MIND IS A BLANK FOR MANY LONG WEEKS.

Former La Grande Man Who Mysteriously Disappeared in Spokane Weeks Ago, Returns to His Home and Tells a Story That is Full of Physical Phenomena—Was Hit on Head and Robbed—Severe Fall, Weeks After, Brings Back Senses.

Friends and relatives of George Harman, who lived in La Grande and who for the past several weeks had given up hope of hearing further from the former La Grande man or learning of the circumstances surrounding his mysterious disappearance in Spokane some time ago, are pleased to know that Harman still lives. La Grande relatives have been notified of the man's finding and return through telegrams and private messages. The Spokesman-Review explains the incident in detail as follows:

Living for several weeks with his mind an absolute blank, although to all appearances his brain was in a normal state, was the strange psychological experience undergone by Geo. R. Harman, a rancher of Crescent, Wash., who mysteriously disappeared from Spokane on the night of March 15.

From the time he was rendered unconscious by a blow on the head from a blunt instrument in the hands of a thug and robbed of \$200 in the Division street cut on the night of his disappearance Mr. Harman remembers nothing until his memory was restored as mysteriously as it had been lost when he fell from a scaffold on a ranch near Helena, Mont., April 21, and sprained his ankle.

How he recovered consciousness after being beaten into insensibility by the footpad, where he went afterward and how he came to be working on a ranch in Montana are alike problems which are shrouded in the deepest mystery. The victim of this remarkable experience reached Spokane on a Northern Pacific train late Friday night and went at once to the home of Charles L. Downer, ES Montgomery avenue, Mrs. Downer being his sister.

His reappearance Friday night came as a distinct surprise to his wife and friends.

"After leaving the drug store with this stranger we went to a moving picture show," said Mr. Harman in relating his experience. "Coming out I decided to walk home, as it was a bright night. As I was passing through the rock cut on Division street I heard the sound of footsteps stealing up behind me. I suspected robbery and was just on the point of turning around to resist when I was felled to the ground unconscious."

Full Blags Him to His Bedchamber. "The next thing I knew I was lying."

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IT OUGHT TO BE THE HAPPINESS AND GLORY of every citizen to see live and act that his fellow citizens will esteem him for his goodness, his kindness, and his usefulness. The principles of good citizenship should constitute the code of rules for every kind of business whether public or private. This applies particularly to the drug business, because, owing to the limited knowledge of the qualities of drugs by the general public, it follows that the reliability of the druggist is the chief guarantee of good service.

HILL'S DRUG STORE

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